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- 1. DIRECTOR OF LAMCO'S INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS BURGESS HOUSTON CAME DOWN FROM YEKEPA TO DISCUSS SUBJECT CONFERENCE. EMBASSY HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INFORMED THAT HE WOULD BE THE VOTING DELEGATE FOR EMPLOYERS. HOWEVER, AT THE EMBASSY HOUSTON INFORMED E/C COUNSELOR THAT HE STILL DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WOULD BE THE VOTING DELEGATE. HOUSTON SAID THAT THE OTHER DELEGATE REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS IS JOHN COOPER, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE RUBBER PLANTERS ASSOCIATION, WHO HAD ALREADY LEFT FOR GENEVA. ATTEMPTS TO LEARN FROM MINISTRY OF LABOR SOURCES AS TO WHO WOULD BE DESIGNATED AS THE EMPLOYERS' VOTING DELEGATE WERE OF NO AVAIL.
- 2. E/C COUNSELOR EMPHASIZED TO HOUSTON THAT U.S. DECISION REGARDING ITS 1975 LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW WOULD BE STRONGLY CONFIDENTIAL

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INFLUENCED BY WHAT OCCURS AT GENEVA. AFTER THE CRUCIAL ISSUES WERE EXPLAINED TO HIM, HOUSTON STATED THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR OF U.S. POSITION. HOWEVER, HE CONFESSED THAT ALTHOUGH HE CAN VOTE AS HE PLEASES, HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO EMBARRASS PRESIDENT TOLBERT BY TAKING POSITIONS ON ISSUES CONTRARY TO THAT ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATE. HE WAS GIVEN PAPER OUTLINING U.S. POSITION WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT BE SHARED WITH COOPER.

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